

At Chez Matilde together with Aruba Trading Company

Enchanted evening with Moët et Chandon & Dom Perignon



ORANJESTAD - It was once again a great honor for Chez Matilde to host their yearly Moët et Chandon celebration. Chez Matilde and Aruba Trading proudly



presented their 2009 evening of Royal Enchantment, a celebration of life, exquisite cuisine and the best Champagne in the world. This past Saturday evening Chef Linda and her professional staff served an exquisite 5-course nouvelle cuisine menu with influences from the world's most famous restaurants. And of course, Aruba Trading Company paired these marvelous courses with the world class champagnes of Moët et Chandon and Dom Perignon.

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Curacao cops: Witnesses saw missing US diplomat



By DANICA COTO

Associated Press Writer

Investigators searching for a missing U.S. diplomat in Curacao said Saturday that several people have reported seeing him around the time he

vanished.

Tips considered credible began trickling in after police on the Dutch Caribbean island posted fliers with numbers that people could call anonymously, according to police spokesman Reggie Huggins.

"We have talked to quite a lot of people that one way or another have helped," he said, declining to release further details.

U.S. Vice Consul James Hogan, 49, has been missing since he left home last week for one of his regular midnight walks.

Authorities have found his bloody clothes at Baya Beach, a popular tourist spot known

for water sports and vibrant nightlife, and divers located Hogan's cell phone in the ocean.

Part of the beach remained closed to fishermen and tourists Saturday as authorities searched for more evidence.

A U.S. Navy ship on a routine port visit to Curacao dispatched a helicopter shortly after Hogan's disappearance to search the beach, ocean and a nearby waterway, but crews did not find anything, said Lt. Commander John Daniels.

Hogan lived with his wife in Toni Kunchi, a peaceful neighborhood outside the capital, Willemstad, that is home to diplomats and wealthy business owners.

Hogan, who has legal residence in Florida, arrived in Curacao in August 2008 for a two-year assignment, according to U.S. State Department records. He also had consular duties for the nearby Dutch island of Aruba, where Alabama teenager Natalee Holloway disappeared in May 2005 during a high school

graduation trip.

Hogan completed junior foreign service officer training in 2005 and spent two years as a consular officer in Gaborone, Botswana.

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UltimateBet Gears up for the 2009 Aruba Poker Classic



Written by Beatrix

This month, the 16 Team UB poker pros will take their seats at the 2009 Aruba Poker Classic Main Event in Aruba. There they will join other poker professionals and satellite package winners to participate in one of the most popular tournaments in the world. The island setting for this event is one of the main reasons that it



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attracts so many loyal players, offering them a chance to get out of the cold weather that is setting in throughout many regions of North America. UltimateBet Cardroom Consultant and Team UB member, Annie Duke, says, "This is one of my all-time favorite poker tournaments. While the UB community is famous for gathering together at all sorts of other poker tournaments like the WSOP, Aruba is all about celebrating the successes of UltimateBet's online poker players. I can't wait to meet the people I play against online, party with old friends on the beach, and make some new ones."

Team UB, over the last few years, has really grown to secure some of the most respected and talented poker professionals in the world including Duke (mentioned above), Phil Hellmuth, Joe Sebok, Brandon Cantu, Billy Kopp, Adam Levy, Michael Binger, Bryan Devonshire, Debo34, Liv Boeree, P0ker H0, Tiffany Michelle, Scott Ian, Hollywood Dave, and Matt Graham. Other non-Team UB members that have confirmed their attendance include CEREUS Poker Network players, Matt Vengrin and Lacey Jones.

UltimateBet's signature island poker event, the Aruba Poker Classic, will kick off its 8th season this year at the Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino. The week-long event will begin October 3rd, 2009 and run through October 10th, 2009—a week that will feature a multi-million dollar cash pool. Matt Brady from Havertown, PA, won the event last year, taking home \$1 million. This year's buy-in is \$5,500. □

Continuing with Aruba's Success

Digicel Bonaire organizes its first "Woman of Influence"



ORANJESTAD – Recently Bonaire organized its first edition of "Woman of Influence" in the Flamingo Runway Retreat.

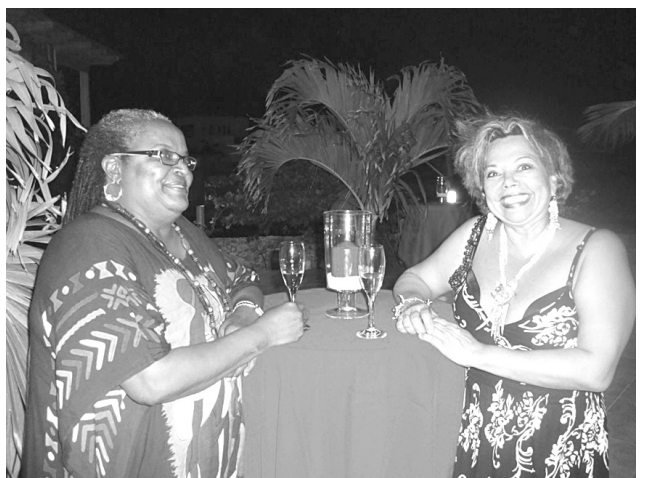
During this event, Wanda Broeskma, who's in charge of Digicel's marketing in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, said that this event is a good

opportunity to meet more women and emphasized the many roles women must occupy in daily life, from morning till evening.



"If you write all the things you do during the whole day, you'll be surprised," the Digicel Executive said. Mrs. Dinah Veeris, well known for her knowledge about herbs, was the guest speaker, who gave information about why keeping a balance in life with herbs is very important.

Also Digicel presented the new Blackberry Curve 8520. The first 15 guests who applied for this cellphone got it at a special price and also received an exclusive accessory from Otazu. The pictures show moments of the event on the Flamingo island. □



Enchanted evening with Moët et Chandon & Dom Perignon



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The evening started with a cocktail at 7.30pm on the new front terrace of Chez Matilde, then later guests

were escorted to their table to start the journey through the 5 course nouvelle cuisine menu. After dinner, everyone enjoyed an after dinner drink

will be served accompanied by relaxing live music.

Team Chez Matilde, Moët et Chandon and Aruba Trading Company were proud to host this celebration once again.

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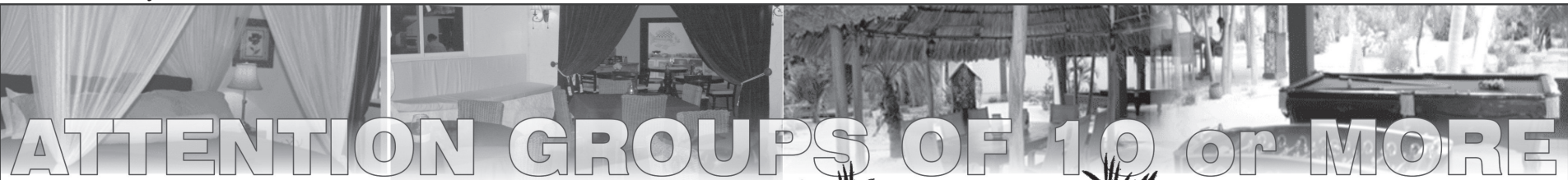
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Gala Lewis Martinus: From Newspaper to Elegance



'From Newspaper to Elegance' is the title of a beautiful dolls exposition made by Curaçao artist Gala Lewis Martinus.

The exposition was opened on Friday October 2, 2009 at the Kas di Kultura (Culture House) in Curaçao by Reyna Joe



who spoke about the family influence that shaped Gala Lewis Martinus into the artist that she is. Gala is number 6 in a family of 11 children and her parents stimulated her to continue on her artistic path. This exposition of dolls made from newspapers is the result of Gala Lewis Martinus' effort to show what can be done with trash. 'From Newspaper to Elegance' is her third art exposition.

Her first exposition was in 2005 and named 'Family Connection'. This was an exposition where she and her



siblings presented the result of their artistic skills.

In 2008 she and her brother, painter Rudsel held an exposition at the Curaçao Museum with different pieces of themselves and of their students.

This third exposition shows

a collection of elegant dolls made completely from old newspapers and (to hold them up) seed sticks of the Royal Poinciana. Gala Lewis Martinus also paints, is specialized in ceramic pieces and prefers to work with recycled materials.



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The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the

slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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of exquisite fish, yellow rice and rich vegetables," Chef Marc says. With a smile he adds "And that just for US\$ 20!"

And right he is, as the platter has been a hit from the start. Served with a bottle of white wine this fish feast is truly a delight on your Monday night.

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Bugaloe Beach Bar and Grill is open daily from 8am till midnight. You may go there for a casual lunch or dinner and on Mondays the special is served from 5:30pm till 10:00pm. Reservations are not needed... just follow the good music, the fun and the smiles on the beach and you will know where Bugaloe is.



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Het Binnenhuys opens new art expo

“Impressions” by Marco van Esdonk brightens up interior design store

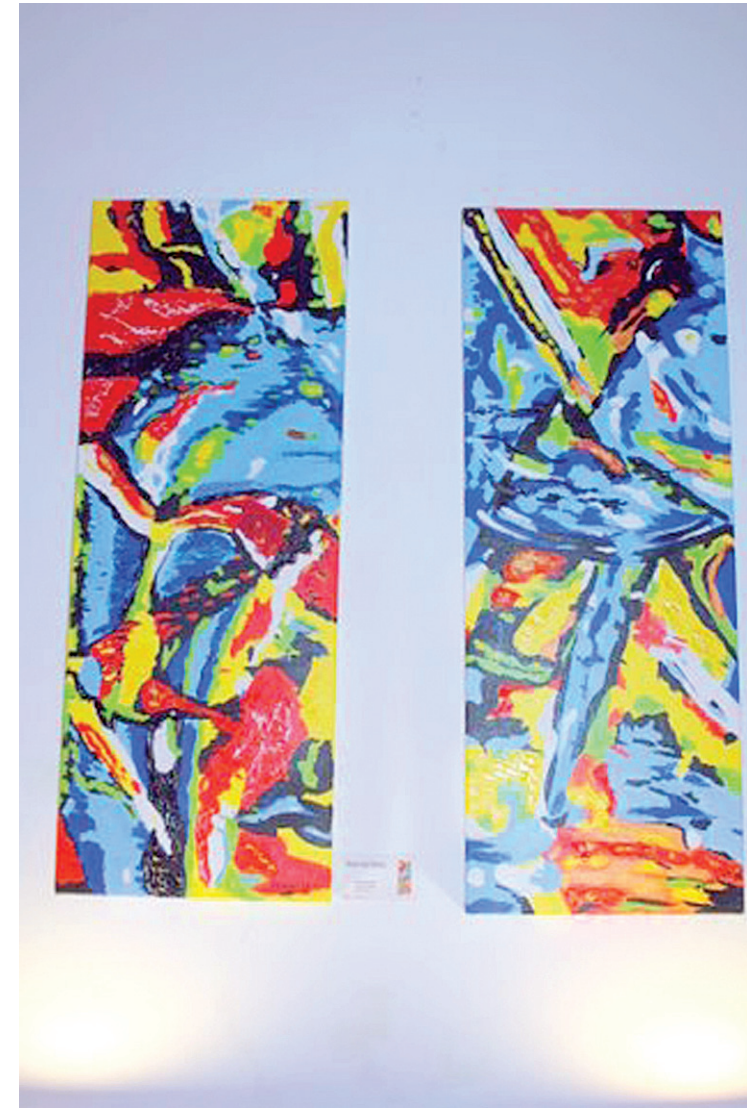
By Jan Falcone
Special to Aruba Today
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- Last Thursday evening, interior designer Karin Martens added another artist's works to her beautiful décor store, Marco van Esdonk. Marco, a woman originally from the south of Holland, opened her first solo exhibition in Aruba.

A child artist, Marco was always fascinated with art,

but never took many formal lessons since being uninspired by one art teacher who didn't understand how she wanted to portray objects.

Using bright colors which are not necessarily the natural colors of the object, Marco has her own way of expressing what she feels. “A painting is a reflection of what you are, fell and radiate.” It wasn't until 1990, when she moved



with her husband to Curacao, which she incorporated into that she took art classes at the Academia di Arte. There she was inspired by the culture and colors of Curacao, colors

which she incorporated into her work. Then, when the couple moved to Surinam in 1996, she became really serious about her art, and



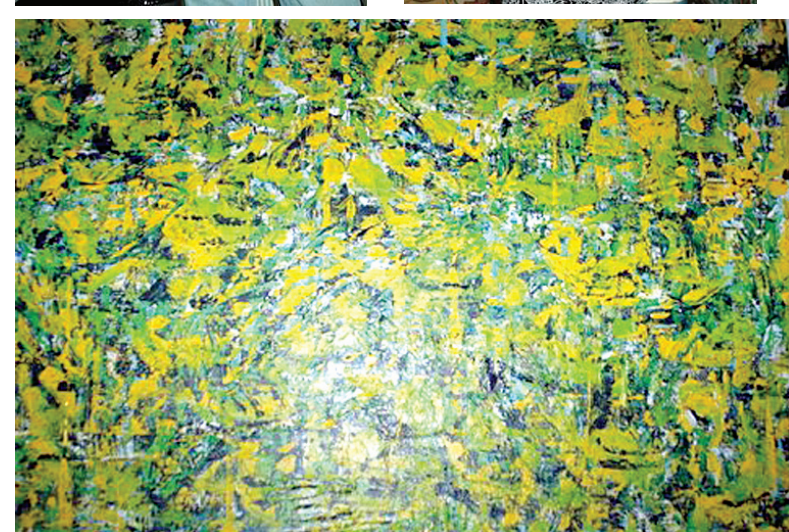
enrolled in more training at Nola Hatterman Institute. This was the training which formed the basis of her current work.



Marco paints primarily from her intuition. From a basic idea, whereby man and nature are important, she expands the idea while painting. Only at a later stage she decides whether or not, and how she will apply the “rules” of composition, color and perspective. This way of working appeals to her because the unlimited possibilities allow her to use all her creativity.

Marco has been living on Aruba since January of this year, and the exhibited works comprise the collection that she has produced here on our island. They demonstrate, by her choice of topics and use of bright colors, how she experienced her first months on the island.

“Impressions” can be viewed at Het Binnenhuys (Avenida Milio Croes 26, Dakota, Oranjestad) until November 26 Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 to 5. □



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first edition was a hit! The Village Food and Wine Festival is a food festival that is organized every once a month, each time with a different theme to it. The idea of the food festival is for each restaurant / store/ shop that participates to present and sell their upcoming products/ menu for a certain holiday or celebration. For this month the festival has been moved to 1 October 2009 due to the elections.



(DJ Yeimy) and a live band (The Untouchables) were the entertainers for everyone who joined in the event.



Participants: MooMba Beach, Hadicurari, Salt & Pepper, Tango, Fishes and More, Sopranos, Cactus Jack, Chino Latino, Mambo Jambo, Café the Plaza, Cuban Cigars, Le Gourmet, Pepia Est (wines), Aruba Tourism Authority with Aruba Music Festival tickets. This first event was sponsored in part by Compra, Pepia Est and Balashi.



The Village is located across from the Radisson Resort.

Photos show how much fun the festive first Food Festival was. □



Great October Promotions at SunPoker

SunPoker, of the vast iPoker network, has a list of promotions to keep their players busy for the month of October! Included in all the excitement are high paying tournaments, cash races, and packages to live poker events! All of this comes in addition to the regular \$400,000 guaranteed weekend tournaments, \$10,000 VIP tournaments, and Jackpot Sit and Gos SunPoker hosts.

First up is the \$10,000 Double Dip Cash Race. From October 1st through October 11th, play in cash games to earn points on a specially designed leaderboard. The top ten finishers will share in a prize pool of \$5,000. Then a second race runs from October 11th until the end of the month, where again players will accumulate points to place on the leaderboard and the top ten will share another \$5,000. "Double Dip" by playing on October 11th and earn points for both cash races! Win first place for both races and you could be walking away with \$5,000!

Second is the \$1 Million Guaranteed, which takes place on October 11th, the lucky "Double Dip" day, at 18:00 GMT. The buy-in for the event runs at \$500 + \$35, but you aren't too late to satellite in!

Next is the \$10,000 New Depositor Tournaments. New depositors will be given the chance to increase their

bankroll four times during the month of their deposit. How? SunPoker will give new depositors direct admission into the next four VIP tournaments, which are valued at \$2,500 each. That means, if you make a deposit this month, you will gain entrance into the next four VIP tournaments during October! That's a total of \$10,000 you can play for! Everyone likes a little sun,

and that's why for this next promotion SunPoker will be sending one lucky player to the Caribbean to play in the St. Maarten Open! The prize package is worth \$5,500 and gets you to the beautiful Sonesta MAHO Beach Resort & Casino where the St. Maarten Open will be running from October 30th to November 8th. Satellites are running now and the final

table for the prize package is on October 18th.

Lastly is the Irish Poker Festival, which runs October 23rd to October 27th. Play in SunPoker's satellites and win the Sunday Super Satellite to receive a \$4,000 prize package for Dublin's Irish Poker Festival! The package includes the \$2,200 buy-in to the Main Event, \$610 for 4 nights' stay for you and a

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Alexander Bick

By ROBERT MITCHELL

The Dutch East India Company will be in the spotlight for the 400th anniversary celebration of Henry Hudson's exploration up the river that bears his name, but a Rhinebeck scholar has his sights elsewhere.

Alexander Bick, who is pursuing a Doctorate in history from Princeton University, is spending this academic year in the Netherlands on a Fulbright scholarship to research the Dutch West India Company.

"The celebration itself doesn't pay much attention to either company, but it was the West India Company that ultimately settled and governed New Netherland for the Dutch," Bick said.

Hudson was employed by the directors of the Dutch East India Company to find a northwest passage to the East Indies. Hudson, who sailed in 1609, didn't find such a passage, but the territory he claimed for the Dutch would become the center of that country's colonization in North America over the next 60 years.

Bick said the Dutch West India Company, founded later in 1621, was similar to the East India Company in structure. It was established to conduct trade, settlement and piracy against Spain in the Western Hemisphere.

This included not only New Netherland (now New York, New Jersey and parts of Delaware and other states), but also the Caribbean, West Africa and South America, according to Bick.

"Much less is known about the West India Company than is known about the richer and 'more successful' East India Company," Bick said.

He added that this is because many of the company's archives were destroyed in the 19th century. The company also lost most of its richest colonies.

"Its later history is closely associated with the slave trade," Bick said, "a subject that few people in the Netherlands are eager to discuss."

While researching an arcane subject, Bick said he has made some discoveries.

"I think the most important thing I've learned is that the world wasn't always the way we see it now," he said.

Bick said if U.S. students learn about Dutch history at all, the focus is on New Netherland and the settlement of Manhattan. He added that believes more attention should be paid to a brief period in the mid-17th century when Spain was beginning to slip as a world power and England had not yet emerged to build its future empire.

"In the 1640s, the Dutch were literally everywhere in the Atlantic basin," Bick said. "For a brief moment, the Dutch were the dominant power in the Western Hemisphere."

Twenty years later, most of it would be gone, including New Netherland, Bick said. "If the world doesn't look this anymore, there are still

17th century Dutch treat

traces, and this is one of the things I find fascinating about history," he said. "History is the process by which the world that we see was created.

"The remnants of New Netherland are everywhere in family names, architecture and even perhaps the commercial spirit of New York City."

In Holland, Bick said, the only way to understand the immigrants from Surinam, Curacao or Ghana who now live and work in the Netherlands is to know the history.

"The places and peoples that Dutch merchants and sailors connected in the mid-17th century are still connected today," he said.

Bick grew up in Rhinebeck and was in the Rhinebeck High School Class of 1995, though he left school early to attend Simon's Rock College in Great Barrington, Mass. His parents, Mario Bick and Diana Brown, still live in Rhinebeck.

In college, both at Simon's Rock and the University of Chicago, where he transferred two years later, Bick studied politics and not history.

"At the time, history seemed too dry, too oriented towards facts and chronology," Bick said. "I wanted to understand how societies worked and how power is organized and exercised."

In graduate school at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Bick studied economics for much the same reason.

"I was extremely disappointed by the abstract theory that often passes for economic analysis, but I learned a lot about trade and money and about the springs of economic development," he said.

Researching the origins of the Industrial Revolution in England and the Dutch

economy of the 17th century aroused his interest in history.

Bick said an academic position in the future would allow him to do more research and teach, but he has other interests.

"I'm also attracted to politics," Bick said, "and to working with other people to reform institutions, resolve intractable disputes and build a more just society. The answers to these problems can't be found in books alone."

Bick found that out by working from 2000-2002 and again in 2005 for the Carter Center, a human rights group founded by former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn. Bick worked as an election observer, researcher and country director for the center and said he found it "extremely enriching."

"I learned a lot from watching President Carter mobilize his status as a former president to try to promote causes in which he believed," Bick said. "He's an extremely energetic, intelligent man, with a great deal of integrity. Working for him you saw the power — and sometimes also the political pitfalls — of saying exactly what you believe."

While at the Carter Center, Bick focused on Africa and has traveled there many times. He spent a year in Liberia when he was young and saw the 1989 invasion of warlord Charles Taylor, who later became president of the war-torn country.

"I loved living there, and the experience of watching a country collapse into war was one that I still struggle to understand," Bick said.

In 2005, while working for the Carter Center, Bick said he played a "small part" in helping to organize the elections that brought Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Africa's first elected female president, to power in Liberia.

"This was probably the work of which I'm most proud," Bick said.

Bick also was a volunteer for Barack Obama's campaign to become America's first black president.

"It brought out thousands of volunteers, and with them a spirit of civic participation and possibility that has otherwise nearly evaporated from American life," he said.

Bick is one of more than 1,500 U.S. citizens who traveled abroad for the 2009-10 academic year through the Fulbright program, named after the late Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Since the program's inception in 1946, about 294,000 people have studied, taught or researched in other countries. The program now operates in 155 countries.

Bick, in his research, said he has discovered a lesson for America.

"At precisely the same moment that the West India Company controlled the most territory, it began to go bankrupt," Bick explained.

Bick said the company found that conquering territories separated by thousands of miles and then defending them was no easy task. The seizure and defense of Brazil "pushed the company beyond its financial means" and it had to beg the Dutch government for the equivalent of a modern-day "bailout."

"Ambition and conquest brought rewards to a select few, but it ultimately left the company bankrupt," Bick said. "I think that some in the U.S. could learn from this experience."

"Had the West India Company not been so pre-occupied by Brazil, might New Netherland — and thus New York — have remained a Dutch colony?" □

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Wall Street Week Ahead: Stocks may hit earnings speed bumps

By Ellis Mnyandu

NEW YORK (Reuters) – U.S. stocks could hit more speed bumps this week if the start of the third-quarter earnings season offers little evidence that the economic recovery is gaining strength.

With second-quarter earnings primarily boosted by cost-cutting, investors want to see if the latest quarterly results will show an improvement in revenues. That's a priority for investors because revenue growth is deemed a crucial indicator of consumer and corporate spending.

Aluminum company Alcoa Inc (AA.N), a Dow component, is scheduled to post quarterly results on Wednesday after the market's close, marking the unofficial kickoff of the latest earnings parade.

The other marquee names on this week's brief earnings calendar are PepsiCo (PEP.N), Yum Brands Inc (YUM.N), Costco Wholesale Corp (COST.O) and Monsanto Co (MON.N).

Investors are clamoring for more solid signs of economic stability after the Standard & Poor's 500 (.SPX) has climbed 51.5 percent from a 12-year closing low on March 9.

SHOW US THE MONEY

By that score, the latest quarterly earnings are a high-

stakes endeavor, with investors saying to Corporate America: "Show us the money."

William Rutherford, president and chief investment officer of Rutherford Investment Management in Portland, Oregon, said that "earnings have to be good enough to justify the run-up we've had."

"We haven't got all the problems solved by any means," he added. "We're still going to see bumps along the way."

Indeed, a string of surprisingly weak economic reports in recent days gave investors a cold reminder that the recovery will not be without hitches, even with the massive stimulus from the government.

On Friday, dour news came from the government's nonfarm payrolls report showing that U.S. employers shed far more jobs in September than expected.

The jobs data put the stock market's bulls on the defensive. And this week could be just as daunting if there are few positive surprises.

The benchmark S&P 500 suffered its second straight weekly drop on Friday, and it is down 4.3 percent from its September 22 close, its highest finish since the current rally began.

"The next big thing we're

going to talk about is earnings," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati, Ohio. "Usually after the first couple of days, you get a feel as to what the overall trend is going to be."

Thomson Reuters data show that third-quarter earnings are forecast to drop 24.7 percent from a year earlier, a projection that gives companies a low hurdle to overcome following a surprisingly improved second quarter.

MERGER WATCH AND BERNANKE

More takeover deals could also dictate this week's market action -- if there are any, according to analysts.

A flurry of takeovers over the last two weeks has dominated the headlines as companies jostle to bolster their revenue



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange October 1, 2009 in New York City. Having lost some of its swagger from a powerful six-month rally, Wall Street heads into corporate earnings season with renewed skittishness about prospects for an economic recovery.

(AFP/Getty Images/Mario Tama)

streams in an uncertain economy.

"With many companies' growth challenged, we are seeing the tip of the iceberg in M&A," said Scott Billeaudeau, portfolio manager at Fifth

Third Asset Management in Minneapolis.

Notable deals in the past week included Xerox Corp's (XRX.N) planned purchase of Affiliated Computer Services Inc (ACS.N). □

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Judge to decide Monday on bail in Andrews stalking

By MIKE ROBINSON,
AP Legal Affairs Writer

CHICAGO — A judge was expected to decide Monday whether a man accused of stalking ESPN reporter Erin Andrews and secretly video taping her nude should be returned to Los Angeles as a federal prisoner or free on bail to face charges.

Michael David Barrett, 47, of Westmont, Ill., was being held in jail over the weekend after his arrest Friday at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. Investigators believe he recorded Andrews by aiming a cell phone camera through an altered peephole in the door of her hotel room.

An FBI affidavit said Barrett requested and stayed in a room near Andrews at a Tennessee hotel where seven videos were likely taken. An eighth video may have been shot at a Milwaukee hotel. Barrett is accused of posting the videos online and trying to sell them to celebrity Web site TMZ.com.

Barrett, clad in the bright orange jumpsuit of a federal prisoner, made a brief initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys on Saturday in Chicago. He faces charges in Los Angeles, where TMZ is based, of interstate stalking

and could face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

"I don't think he's even had a traffic ticket," said his lawyer, Rick Beuke, who said he has known Barrett for a decade.

"He's as regular a guy as you'll ever meet — a great friend," Beuke added. "I must have calls from 30 people wanting to know what they could do to help."

Beuke said Barrett has been divorced for some time and has children. A neighbor in Westmont, Srividhya Viswanath, 36, a homemaker, said Barrett lived quietly in a townhome complex with a female companion. She said she never got to know them well in part because they traveled frequently. Westmont is about 20 miles west of Chicago.

A spokeswoman for the Combined Insurance Company of America confirmed that Barrett was an employee who worked in sales management. Amy Burrell-Tichy said the company was cooperating with the FBI.

Beuke said he did not discuss the particulars of the charges when he met briefly with Barrett, surrounded by FBI agents, in court. He said he would study the FBI affidavit

and try to meet with Barrett on Sunday to learn more.

Several TV networks and newspapers aired clips or printed screen grabs from the videos of Andrews in July. The 31-year-old has covered hockey, college football, college basketball and Major League Baseball for ESPN since 2004 and was named "sexiest sportscaster" by Playboy magazine in 2008 and 2009.

Asked how Barrett became interested in Andrews, if the allegations were true or how he managed to get the adjacent hotel rooms, Beuke said he assumed it was not true. Chicago FBI spokesman Ross Rice said he did not know how Barrett allegedly became interested in Andrews.

An FBI affidavit said agents reviewed eight videos and all but one appeared to be taken in a single hotel. It said Andrews reviewed several and said they appeared to be of her in a room at the Marriott Nashville at Vanderbilt University.

Authorities said Barrett occupied an adjacent room, and that the peephole in the door of Andrews' room appeared to have been modified with a hacksaw to permit videos to be made with a cell phone camera.

Bethesda, Md.-based Marriott International Inc. issued a statement Saturday saying the company takes its guests' security and privacy seriously and has been cooperating with investigators.

FBI agents also went to the Ramada Conference Center in Milwaukee, formerly the Radisson Airport. The affidavit said Barrett made a reservation in the hotel for a night when Andrews was staying there and that the peephole in the room that she occupied had been similarly modified.

But they said Barrett never checked in to that hotel, and the interior of the room did not fully match what was seen on the eighth video.

Wyndam Worldwide Corp., which owns Ramada, did not immediately return a phone call for comment Saturday.

The affidavit said that in making his reservation in Nashville, Barrett specifically requested a room next to Andrews, who was referred to in the FBI document as "individual A."

Reservation records in the hotel's computer showed the notation: "INFO-GST RQST TO RM NXT TO (individual A)," the affidavit said.

Andrews thanked FBI agents and federal prosecutors for



ESPN's Erin Andrews reports from the sidelines during a NCAA college football game between Auburn and Tennessee Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 in Knoxville, Tenn. Auburn won 26-22.

(AP Photo/Wade Payne)

their work and said she hoped the case will eventually help others.

"For my part, I will make every effort to strengthen the laws on a state and federal level to better protect victims of criminal stalking," she said in a statement.

Andrews was scheduled to work the Auburn-Tennessee game Saturday night in Knoxville, Tenn.

Her attorney, Marshall Grossman, said the videos appeared to have been taped by a serial stalker who followed her from city to city. "He wasn't an accidental tourist," he said. "He had her in his sights."

Barrett tried to sell the videos to TMZ, but an employee there informed Andrews' attorneys, according to the complaint.

FBI agents matched information in the e-mail to Barrett, and examined telephone records and credit card charges from Barrett's Nashville hotel stay. Agents also concluded that the videos of Andrews were likely recorded by a cell phone.

Messages left at a phone listing for a Michael D. Barrett in Westmont weren't immediately returned. Barrett's father, Frank Barrett, 78, of Milwaukie, Ore., a suburb of Portland, said Saturday morning that he hadn't yet been able to speak to his son. But he said the arrest came as a shock and the situation "does not match the Mike I know."

"He's always been an upstanding, hardworking guy," Frank Barrett said.

Polanski agreed to pay victim \$500,000: report

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) — Film director Roman Polanski agreed to pay the victim in his sex crime case at least \$500,000 as part of a civil settlement reached years after he fled the United States, the Los Angeles Times reported on Saturday.

Polanski reached a confidential settlement in 1993 with Samantha Geimer, the newspaper said, citing

court filings made available on Friday. The paper said it was not clear whether the filmmaker paid her. The final document filed in August 1996 had him still owing Geimer \$604,416, according to the Times.

Geimer has acknowledged reaching a civil settlement with Polanski, the Times said. Polanski, 76, was arrested in Switzerland last weekend on a

U.S. warrant and his lawyers say he will fight extradition to the United States where he faces a possible prison sentence for pleading guilty to having unlawful sex with a 13-year-old Geimer in 1977. The Oscar-winning director of "The Pianist," "Rosemary's Baby" and "Chinatown" fled the United States in 1978. He had served 42 days in detention but believed a judge



would sentence him to years behind bars despite having made a plea agreement for time already served.

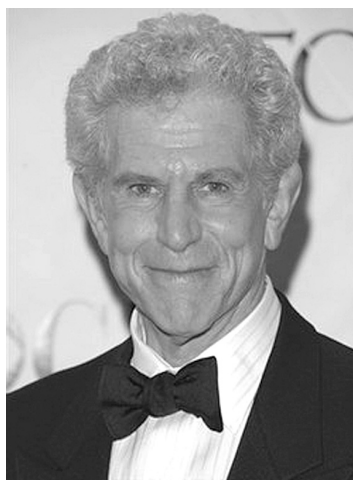
Lawyers for Polanski failed earlier this year to have the case against him dismissed because of suspected judicial misconduct in 1977. A Los Angeles judge ruled Polanski would have to return to California before he would consider a dismissal of the charges.

Broadway performance canceled when actor falls ill

NEW YORK — A preview performance of the Broadway revival of "The Royal Family" has been canceled after one of its stars became ill on stage.

Show spokesman Aaron Meier says the curtain came down shortly after the Sunday matinee began when actor Tony Roberts suddenly fell ill. The 69-year-old Roberts has been taken by ambulance to a hospital. There's no word on his condition.

Roberts is best known for his roles in several Woody Allen movies including "Annie Hall" and "Hannah and Her Sisters." He was last on Broadway in the 2007 musical "Xanadu." □



The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars

Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa just added another charming dining option, a tropical outdoor courtyard, featuring delicious cuisine under the stars.

The famed French Steakhouse prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons in the fully air-conditioned dining room. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited

the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting.

The French Steakhouse Ooh-La-La menu is now served indoor and alfresco, featuring creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry and the Pièce de Résistance South American & USDA Beef specialties.

Among popular appetizers the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple & mango salsa and the Teriyaki Glazed Seared Duck Breast, served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd pleasers.



True to the restaurant's French roots, the Onion Soup is a classic, while the Honey Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

The menu features a great variety of seafood dishes from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly-decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

The French Steakhouse is naturally famous for the South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, which now shares the stage with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon. Light-eaters will find the Jerk Chicken Skewers and the Lemon Herb Broilers very satisfying.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining

room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson who is Aruba's best entertainer, and a walking & breathing music encyclopedia, just whistle the tune, and Eddy will produce a symphonic version of your favorite song. Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-course menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person. www.manchebo.com steakhouse



Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located at the heart of the low-rise hotels at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors, at a reasonable price. The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico a three-course dinner featuring appetizers, main courses and desserts for just \$19.95, per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between home made soup and Caesar salad, Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese or any favorite pizza with Tiramisu, Cheese Cake or Ice Cream for the sweet finale.

Posing with Angelo the Italian maitre D' at Giorgio's, Mr and Mrs. Klaus, from Pennsylvania, 2nd time repeaters in Aruba at the Manchebo, the trip was a birthday present from him to her and since they are celebrating their 40th anniversary in November, they are already thinking about coming back, they enjoyed Menu Turistico and recommend it wholeheartedly! □

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents Beach Cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa deserves recognition as the home of Beach Cuisine.

Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a Sun Splashed menu on the ocean front terrace,

raising the bar to a must-visit, must-try status.

The contemporary menu, lists many favorite dishes from around the world, borrowing inspiration from US, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek and Mediterranean kitchens, all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

From Sun-Sational Salads, to Cuban pressed jawbreakers and wraps, mid-day platters also include oversize Beef Burgers, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches and Hot Dogs.

The Pega Pega tropical &

frozen cocktail list, with fresh fruit or ice cream smoothies, daiquiris, coladas and margaritas, leaves nothing out, including Yellow Birds, Sex on the Beach and Mudslides, making a lunch-time brain-freeze, extremely easy to get!

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Skull of a 66-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton dubbed "Samson" is displayed at the Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, on September 30, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Samson failed to sell at a Las Vegas auction on Saturday after the top bid of \$3.6 mln fell way below the minimum price.

(AFP/Getty Images/File/Ethan Miller)

T-Rex fails to impress Las Vegas bidders

by Steve Friess

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP) — A 66-million-old Tyrannosaurus Rex named Samson failed to sell at a Las Vegas auction after the top bid of 3.6 million dollars fell way below the minimum price.

Samson, a female T-Rex found on a South Dakota ranch in 1992, also trailed the record 8.36 million dollars that Sue, another T-Rex, sold for at a 1997 auction.

Sue, the most complete T-Rex ever found, has since become a blockbuster attraction in Chicago's Field Museum, which bought her. But Samson, which is a little less well preserved, was one of 17 dinosaur and fossil items which failed to sell Saturday, in a sign of the depressed economy.

Officials from auction house Bonhams & Butterfields attempted to put a positive face on the sale that netted more than 1.7 million dollars on 25 other dinosaur and fossil lots.

"I'm disappointed that we couldn't find a buyer, but we will, and I'm pretty happy with the results overall," Bonhams & Butterfields chief operating officer Patrick Meade said.

A pair of a less-known species of dinosaurs related to the triceratops, sold for 440,000 dollars -- below the 500,000 estimate noted in the prospectus but, according to Bonhams & Butterfields, a world auction record for such an item.

They were bought by Larry Lawson of Big

Lake, Alaska, who spent about one million dollars in all. The 44-year-old oncologist said the items will adorn his home and offices and be available for schools to visit.

"I've been into this kind of stuff since I was a little boy," said Lawson, who was attending his first auction. "I just came to see who was going to buy the T-Rex and to see if I could get anything other than that. Then a lot of the prices just didn't get too bad."

Some items did top their estimates, including several of those bought by Las Vegas Sands Inc. chief executive officer Sheldon Adelson and his wife Miriam Adelson.

They spent 5,185 dollars on an ancient cave bear skull found in Romania that was expected to only net 4,000 dollars. They also paid 67,100 dollars for a colorful squid-like ammonite specimen found in southern Alberta, Canada, that was expected to fetch at most 45,000 dollars.

The Adelsons, whose Venetian Resort-Casino hosted the auction and displayed the items as a tourist attraction for five weeks, spent more than 142,000 dollars at the auction.

The couple said they plan to display some of their purchases at the private high school they fund in Las Vegas as well as in their home.

A 17-foot-long Kansas king fish, the second-largest bony fish fossil ever found, sold for 422,000 dollars, exceeding the prospectus estimate of 250,000 dollars. □



During a firefight with Taliban militants, U.S. Marine Cpl. Matthew Doherty, of Bastrop, Texas, center left, runs for a new position with a group of fellow Marines with 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion 5th Marines, and an Afghan soldier, and an interpreter, left, in Nawa district, Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009.

Associated Press

8 U.S. troops killed in fierce Afghan fighting

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KABUL (AP) — Hundreds of insurgents armed with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades stormed a pair of remote outposts near the Pakistan border, killing eight U.S. soldiers and capturing more than 20 Afghan security troops in the deadliest assault against U.S. forces in more than a year, military officials said Sunday.

The fierce gunbattle, which erupted at dawn Saturday in the Kamdesh district of mountainous Nuristan province and raged throughout the day, is likely to fuel the debate in Washington over the direction of the troubled eight-year war.

It was the heaviest U.S. loss of life in a single battle since July 2008, when nine American soldiers were killed in a raid on an outpost in Wanat in the same province.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, plans to shift U.S. troops away from remote outposts that are difficult to defend and move them into more heavily populated areas as part of his new strategy to focus on protecting Afghan

civilians.

U.S. troops used artillery, helicopter gunships and airstrikes Saturday to repel the attackers, inflicting “heavy enemy casualties,” according to a NATO statement. Fighting persisted in the area Sunday, U.S. and Afghan officials said. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. NATO spokesman Brig. Gen. Eric Tremblay said the assailants included a mix of “tribal militias,” Taliban and fighters loyal to Sirajudin Haqqani, an al-Qaida-linked militant based in sanctuaries in the tribal areas of Pakistan near the Afghan border.

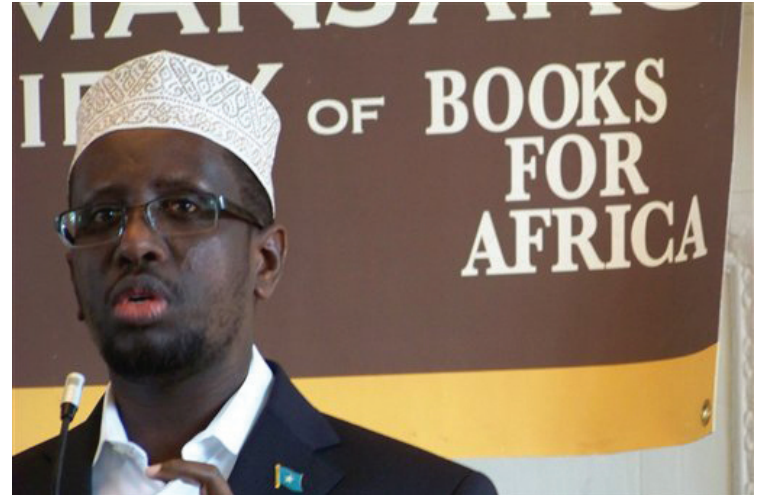
Afghan authorities said the hostile force included fighters who had been driven out of the Swat Valley of neighboring Pakistan after a Pakistani military offensive there last spring.

“This was a complex attack in a difficult area,” U.S. Col. Randy George, the area commander, said in a statement. “Both the U.S. and Afghan soldiers fought bravely together.”

Details of the attack remained unclear Sunday and there were conflicting reports of Afghan losses due to poor communications in the area, located just 20 miles from the Pakistani border and about 150 miles from Kabul.

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Somali president condemns U.S. terror recruiting



The president of Somalia, Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, speaks at a Books for Africa breakfast Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 in St. Paul during his three-day stop in the Twin Cities. Ahmed is meeting with members of Minnesota’s Somali community to build support for a stable government in his country. After Minnesota, he’ll head to Chicago and Columbus, Ohio.

Associated Press

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Associated Press Writer

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — The president of Somalia on Sunday denounced the recruiting of young men from Minnesota’s huge Somali community for terrorist activity in his war-ravaged homeland, and said he plans to work with the U.S. government to bring those still alive back home.

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Daniel Fawcett of the U.S. Forest Service sets a back-fire to combat a wildfire in Wrightwood, Calif., on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. A wind-fanned wildfire that charred some 5 1/2 square-miles of the San Gabriel Mountains continued to rage Sunday as firefighters worked to prevent flames from advancing toward a mountain resort community.

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Fires char wildland in California, Arizona

WRIGHTWOOD, California (AP) — A wind-fanned wildfire that charred some 5.5 square-miles of the San Gabriel Mountains continued to rage Sunday as firefighters worked to prevent flames from advancing toward a mountain resort community.

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White House sees progress from talks with Iran



In this photograph provided by "Meet the Press," Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, left, and moderator David Gregory talk on "Meet the Press" Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, at the NBC studios in Washington.

STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Sunday it sees signs of progress in confronting Iran's nuclear program while members of Congress endorsed authorizing tougher U.S. economic penalties against the Tehran government. International inspectors are to visit Iran's newly disclosed uranium enrichment site on Oct. 25.

Associated Press
That announcement Sunday capped a furious week of diplomacy, including Thursday's session in Geneva where Iran and six world powers resumed nuclear talks. "The fact that Iran came to the table and seemingly showed some degree of cooperation, I think, is a good thing," said retired Gen. James Jones, President Barack Obama's national security adviser.

"But this is not going to be an open-ended process. We want to be satisfied. We, the world community, want to be satisfied within a short period of time," Jones added. "So it's not going to be extended discussions that we're going to have before we draw our conclusions to what their real intent is. But for now, I think things are moving in the right direction." Suspicions about Iran's nuclear intentions have risen steadily along with fears — and some evidence — that Tehran wants to build an atomic bomb and is using what it calls a civilian nuclear energy program as cover. The Iranians are under three sets of U.N. penalties for refusing to stop enriching uranium, a key first step toward building a bomb. "Our whole approach is predicated on an urgent need to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapons capacity," said Susan Rice, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. "Right now we are in a period of intense negotiations. It's not an infinite period. It's a very finite period," she said. Rice said that in the best

outcome, Iran would not have any nuclear weapons, no longer pose a threat to its neighbors or support terrorism, and treat its people with respect, allowing them to participate peacefully in a democratic process. "That's the Iran we hope to see." Current penalties have failed to change Tehran's course and have been watered down through efforts by Russia and China. Those countries, along with the U.S., Britain and France, can block action in the U.N. Security Council. Rice said the U.S. had three options: to push sanctions through the U.N.; work with European allies to punish Iran; or to take unilateral action in conjunction with the other possible courses of action. Members of Congress are ready to authorize steps the U.S. can take against Iran, in addition to possible U.N. action. Sen. Bob Casey, a Pennsylvania Democrat, said the U.S. "cannot allow talking and negotiation to replace strong action if we feel we have to take that step." Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican, said he would like Congress

to pass measures that would "empower the president and our country to be tough and to put some actions behind words. So let's have 'Iran Week' in the Senate and get something done." Lawmakers are talking about trying to block gas and refined petroleum exports to Iran, possibly causing serious disruptions in the lives of ordinary Iranians. Other moves could affect Iran's financial institutions and impose new trade bans. Iran is a major oil producer but imports gasoline and refined petroleum products. Obama has said his administration, in conjunction with Congress, is crafting plans that could target Iran's energy, financial and telecommunications sectors. The second-ranking Senate Republican, Arizona's Jon Kyl, said "putting sticks on the table is exactly the point." He said the Iranians "never respond to anything except pressure." Jones and Kyl were on CNN's "State of the Union," Rice spoke on NBC television's "Meet the Press," and Casey and Graham were on "Fox News Sunday." □

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TERROR RECRUITING

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President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed spoke with The Associated Press while visiting the Minneapolis area, where authorities believe as many as 20 young Somali men — possibly recruited by a vision of jihad to fight — returned to the impoverished nation over the last two years.

At least three have died in Somalia, including one who authorities believe was the first American suicide bomber. Three others have pleaded guilty in the U.S. to terror-related charges.

“We believe this is a wrong action, that these young men were wronged, they were robbed out of their life. Their parents were wronged,” Ahmed said through an interpreter. “The laws of the United States were violated. The security of Somalia was violated. So we condemn (them) without reservation.”

Ahmed was in the Minneapolis area — home of the largest Somali population in the U.S. — to build support as his government tries to bring peace to the Horn of Africa country that has been plagued by violence for decades. The nation of 7 million people has not had a functioning government since 1991, when clan-based warlords overthrew a dictator and then turned on each other.

Ahmed was elected by Somalia’s parliament in January, but his government has little control. A group called al-Shabab, which the U.S. says has ties to al-Qaida, has taken over most of Somalia and boosted its

numbers with foreign fighters. There are near-daily battles in Mogadishu, the country’s capital, and tens of thousands of civilians have died.

Many of the country’s former leaders, scholars and other dignitaries relocated to the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas. Many were educated and started successful businesses in the region and send millions of dollars back to Somalia.

The Somali community in Minnesota numbered 35,000 in 2007, according to the Census.

Ahmed said the young men who left the area “were stolen and taken without the knowledge of their parents and imams.” He said he met with imams from area mosques and “we agreed that they were really sorry with what happened, which tarnished their image and that of our religion.”

He said the Somali government agrees to work with state and federal governments, as well as imams and parents, to prevent more recruiting.

When asked what the Somali government could do to help, he said “we hope to reach out to these young men and explain to them how wrong what they are doing is, and that they should return to the safety of their families.”

Ahmed met Sunday afternoon with relatives of some of the young men who died. They told him about their sons and what had happened to them.

“He gave us very hearty condolences,” said Abdirizak Bihi, a community leader and uncle of one of the boys. “We feel much better.”

Ahmed told Bihi that he thinks about Bihi’s nephew,



Volunteers and security try to keep people from rushing past security lines as they arrived to see Somalia President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed speak during a rally at Northrop Auditorium in Minneapolis, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. Ahmed is meeting with members of Minnesota’s Somali community to build support for a stable government in his country. After Minnesota, he’ll head to Chicago and Columbus, Ohio.

18-year-old Burhan Hassan, every day and is reminded of the tragedy of young lives lost to terrorism, Bihi said.

The president also said he wants an ongoing relationship with the families in Minnesota and to work with them to “stop the evil at work,” Bihi said.

Ahmed is in Minnesota for three days as he tries to build support for his struggling government. He’s met with scholars, university students, former Somali leaders, women, elders and others. A public rally for Sunday in Minneapolis was expected to attract 5,000 people.

He also plans trips to Chicago and Columbus, Ohio, another city with a large Somali population, as he continues to advocate for peace in Somalia.

His message was resonating in Minnesota, where he was welcomed with support. But many know he has a long struggle ahead.

“To support the government is the only solution to bring back peace,” said Eng Hassannow Mohamud, a former cabinet member in Somalia who now lives in the Twin Cities. “We really want to help. ... We are ready to take our part.”

Ahmed said he has strategies for rebuilding Somalia such as to build up security, education and health care systems. On the humanitarian front, he said, the government needs to reach out to the hundreds of thousands of Somalis who are displaced, both in and outside the country, and get them assistance they need.

He said he hopes it will “not be long” before he brings peace to Somalia. He knows he needs to rid his country of terrorism.

“We ourselves cannot stay there if we don’t do that,” he said. □

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Cybersecurity starts at home and in the office

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When swine flu broke out, the government revved up a massive information campaign centered on three words: Wash your hands.

The Obama administration now wants to convey similarly clear and concise guidance about one of the biggest national security threats in your home and office — the computer.

Think before you click. Know who's on the other side of that instant message. What you say or do in cyberspace stays in cyberspace — for many to see, steal and use against you or your government.

The Internet, said former national intelligence director Michael McConnell, "is the soft underbelly" of the U.S. today. Speaking at a new cybersecurity exhibit at the International Spy Museum in Washington, McConnell said the Internet has "introduced a level of vulnerability that is unprecedented."

The Pentagon's computer systems are probed 360 million times a day, and one

prominent power company has acknowledged that its networks see up to 70,000 scans a day, according to cybersecurity expert James Lewis.

For the most part, those probes of government and critical infrastructure networks are benign. Many, said McConnell, are a nuisance and some are crimes. But the most dangerous are probes aimed at espionage or tampering with or destroying data.

The attackers could be terrorists aiming at the U.S. culture and economy, or nation-states looking to insert malicious computer code into the electrical grid that could be activated weeks or years from now.

"We are the fat kid in the race," said Lewis. "We are the biggest target, we have the most to steal, and everybody wants to get us."

And if, for example, the U.S. gets into a conflict with China over Taiwan, "expect the lights to go out," he said.

The exhibit at the Spy Museum — "Weapons of Mass Disruption" — tries to bring that threat to life.

A network of neon lights zigzags across the ceiling. Along the walls computer screens light up with harrowing headlines outlining the country's digital dependence. Drinking water, sewer systems, phone lines, banks, air traffic, government systems, all depend on the electric grid, and losing them for weeks would plunge the country into the 1800s. Suddenly, the lights go out and the room is plunged into silent darkness.

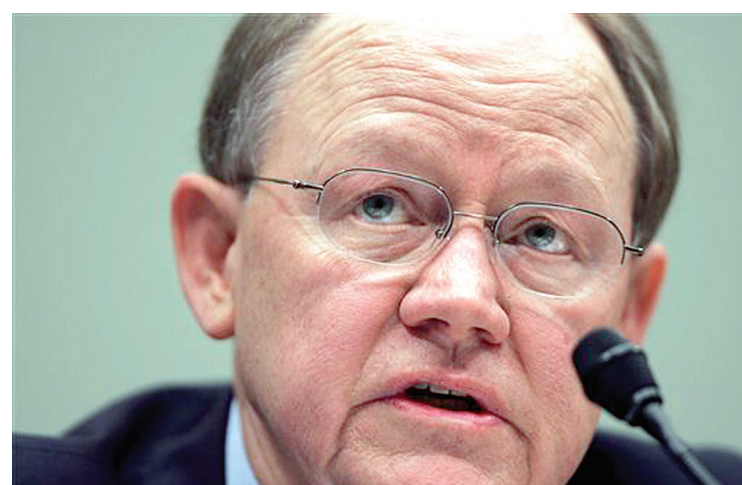
Seconds later as the sound system crackles, a video ticks off a pretend crisis: no food, no water, system shutdown.

That faux threat has become a prime concern for the government, but fully protecting the grid and other critical computer systems are problems still waiting a solution.

Federal agencies, including the Pentagon and the Department of Homeland Security, are pouring more money into hiring computer experts and protecting their networks.

But there are persistent questions about how to ensure that Internet traffic is safe without violating personal privacy.

One answer, experts said last week, is to begin a broader public dialogue about cybersecurity, making people more aware of the risks and how individuals can do their part at home and at work.



In this Sept. 18, 2007 file photo, National Intelligence Director Mike McConnell testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Internet, said former national intelligence director Michael McConnell, "is the soft underbelly" of the U.S. today. Speaking recently at a new cybersecurity exhibit at the International Spy Museum in Washington, McConnell said the Internet has "introduced a level of vulnerability that is unprecedented."

Some will find it easier than others.

Much of the younger generation has grown up online and are more likely to know about secure passwords, antivirus software and dangerous spam e-mails that look to steal identities, bank accounts and government secrets.

Older people moved into the digital universe as it began to evolve and most have not grown up thinking about how to protect themselves online.

"Detection and prevention are fast, but crime is still faster," said Phil Reiter, director of the National Cybersecurity Center. The key, he said, "is to make sure that we're all getting the word out about not only the seriousness of the

threat, but the fairly simple steps that people can take to help secure their systems and their lives and families from the threats that are out there." In the computer world, "wash your hands" is less about tossing your keyboard into the dishwasher — although some have tried — and more about exercising caution.

Those steps include:
_using antivirus software, spam filters, parental controls and firewalls.

_regularly backing up important files to external computer drives.

_thinking twice before sending information over the Internet, particularly when using wireless or unsecured public networks. □

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GOP senator silent on whether Ensign should stay

WASHINGTON — The second-ranking Senate Republican offered no support Sunday for embattled Sen. John Ensign, facing renewed criticism over an extramarital affair with an aide and the actions he took on behalf of her husband.

Asked on CNN's "State of the Union" if Ensign can serve effectively or should step down, Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., did not address his colleague's future and said he would await a Senate Ethics Committee investigation.

Kyl's sidestep followed on Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell's repeated refusals on Friday to answer questions about Ensign or pledge any support.

The New York Times reported in Friday's editions that the woman's husband, Doug Hampton, lobbied Ensign on behalf of his clients — a job that Ensign had helped him to get. Congressional aides are prohibited by law from lobbying their former bosses or office colleagues for one year after leaving their employment.

Hampton told the Times that he and Ensign were aware of a ban on lobbying Ensign and his staff but chose to ignore it.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, who heads the committee, told CNN that there is a preliminary investigation of Ensign's actions. "We will look at all aspects of this case, as we do whenever there is a case before us, and try to get to the bottom of it as quickly as we can in fairness to all," said Boxer, D-Calif.

Ensign acknowledged in July that he had had an affair with Cynthia Hampton, a former campaign staffer and once one of his top Senate aides.

News reports later detailed how the Nevada Republican tried to hide the affair by finding a consulting and lobbying job for Doug Hampton, arranging for a \$96,000 payment to the couple, and promoting his mistress and raising her pay around the time of their affair.

Ensign has said he did nothing illegal and would run for re-election in 2012. □



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SD town gets rid of 44 tons of stinking bison meat

By CARSON WALKER

Associated Press Writer

BRIDGEWATER, S.D.

— Behind the freezer doors at a meat plant mysteriously abandoned by its owner, the 44 tons of bison meat managed to hold its own for months, masked by the brutal chill of two South Dakota winters.

Once the power was cut and spring thaw arrived, nature took over. And enough rotting meat to fill a high school gym did exactly what you'd expect: It stank.

It stank at the bank. It smelled at the law office. It reeked at the cafe. Even the jewelry store wasn't immune. Everyone in this tiny town could smell it, everywhere they went. A putrid odor so downright nasty the cleaners sent to mop up the gooey mess of liquefied meat — topped by a blanket of swarming white maggots and buzzed by a legion of flies — gave up after two days.

"You've also got the city offices, the grocery store and the post office. And then you spread out to the local residences," said Mayor Marty Barattini, pointing to each

place. "This is a small town. We have just over 600 people, so that stench was enough to overwhelm the entire town. Not just this street."

Fed up with the smell, a brave crew of 18 city and county workers took matters into their own hands this summer and stormed the plant to haul away the putrid meat and take back their town. What came next was the biggest indignity: Three months after the cleanup, the owner still hasn't paid the \$11,151 cleanup bill, and owes about \$14,085 in unpaid property taxes on top of it.

"We tried to work with that guy," said a dismayed Barattini.

The saga of the smell began in January 2008, when owner Ilan Parente closed Bridgewater Quality Meats and moved the business to Dawson, Minn., as Noah's Ark Processors LLC. He left the boxed kosher bison meat behind, apparently to be sold to a pet food company. It stayed frozen until the electricity was cut off in December for lack of payment.

the San Bernardino National Forest. Fueled by thick timber and brush, the fire pushed over hills and canyons by winds. In Arizona, some residents of the city of Williams remained away from their homes for another day as a prescribed burn that grew out of control threatened the town known



In this photo taken June 23, 2009, workers remove some of the 44 tons of spoiled kosher bison meat from a locker at Bridgewater Quality Meats in Bridgewater, S.D. The boxed kosher bison meat was abandoned in January 2008 when owner Ilan Parente closed Bridgewater Quality Meats and moved the business to Dawson, Minn., as Noah's Ark Processors, LLC.

When the town about 40 miles away from Sioux Falls began to warm in the spring, the smell began to creep out. Some said the scent was like road kill. The mayor said he spent two tours of duty in Vietnam and could not recall smelling anything as bad.

"This is worse than rotten bodies," Barattini said.

The city sent a notice to Parente to remove the caustic cause, and he dispatched two workers who toiled without

as the "Gateway to the Grand Canyon."

Punky Moore, a Kaibab National Forest spokeswoman, said the Twin Fire scorched about 1,000 acres, by Sunday morning. It was burning forest undergrowth and ponderosa pines on Bill Williams Mountain. □

protective masks, clothing, equipment or access to water or electricity. Defeated by the mess, they quit after two days.

So city and county officials got permission from the South Dakota Animal Industry Board to go inside and finish. It then became clear that the source of the smell was the meat: 88,420 pounds, according to the scale at the Sioux Falls landfill, where the mess was hauled in five dump trucks and three extra-large trash bins.

The crews and a skid loader spent two days removing the meat, which had swollen so much that the shrink-wrapped bags had burst, which caused the stacked boxes to topple. Most crew members wore an oxygen mask and hazardous materials suit because of the strong ammonia odor. Crews

cleaned the building with fire hoses and doused it with bleach.

City employee and volunteer firefighter Todd Letcher wore his fire gear. "I don't think anybody should ever do something like that," he said of the job. "That was bad."

Parente's phone number is disconnected and the attorney representing him, Mike Unke, declined to comment. A woman who answered the phone at the Minnesota business said Parente is no longer affiliated with it. Requests for someone to comment went unanswered. Parente has said before that he checked the meat in May and found it iced over due to a broken water pipe. He's claimed the meat might have stunk but says he never put anyone in danger. □

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The Sheep fire, driven by wind gusts of up to 40 mph, destroyed three homes and was 10 percent surrounded. Between 4,000 to 6,000 residents were ordered to evacuate, said Robin Prince, public information officer for the San Bernardino National Forest.

"The winds are quite a problem," Prince said.

Firefighters were making a stand in the mountain resort community of Wrightwood, which contains a mix of full-time residences and vacation homes, spreading fire retardant gel to structures to protect them from advancing flames.

Erratic winds and low visibility temporarily grounded firefighting aircraft, but helicopters and air tankers took to the skies by Sunday morning aided by about 1,000 firefighters on the ground.

The blaze broke out Saturday near Lytle Creek, a small community surrounded by

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Brigadier General Eric Tremblay NATO-led International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) spokesman in Afghanistan speaks during an interview with the Associated Press crew regarding the killing of eight U.S. soldiers, at the ISAF headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009.

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A NATO statement said the attacks were launched from a mosque and a nearby village on opposite sides of a hill, which included the two outposts — one mostly American position on the summit and another mostly Afghan police garrison on a lower slope.

NATO said eight Americans and two Afghan security troopers were killed.

An Afghan military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of security issues, said three Afghan soldiers and one policeman had been killed in two days of fighting. He also said at least seven Afghan army soldiers were missing and feared captured.

In addition, provincial police chief Mohammad Qasim Jangulbagh said 15 Afghan policemen had been captured, including the local police chief and his deputy. Jangulbagh estimated that about 300 militants took part in the attack.

"Kamdesht is one of the most dangerous areas of Nuristan province," he said, noting that the area is across the border from parts of Pakistan where

al-Qaida-linked militants operate.

Jangulbagh said that after Pakistani forces drove militants from most of the Swat Valley five months ago, militants "received orders to come to Nuristan and destabilize the situation."

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said militants overran both outposts, but U.S. spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias said U.S. troops were holding the outposts Sunday. She also said a roadside bomb killed a U.S. service member southwest of Kabul on Saturday, bringing the U.S. death toll for the month to 15. The fighting occurred in a region where towering mountains and dense pine forests have long served as a staging area for Taliban and al-Qaida fighters who move freely across the Pakistani frontier.

The region was a key staging area for Arab militants who fought alongside Afghan warriors during the U.S.-backed war against the Soviets in the 1980s and is one of the few parts of South Asia where Muslims follow the hardline Wahhabi sect of Islam.

The weekend fighting was

reminiscent of the July 2008 battle of Wanat when an estimated 200 militants stormed an outpost defended by about 70 U.S. and Afghan soldiers, nearly overrunning the position.

Last week, Army Gen. David Petraeus ordered a new investigation into the Wanat fighting due to allegations of mismanagement by senior commanders.

The Wanat fighting convinced U.S. commanders that they should move Western forces away from remote areas where foreigners are unwelcome to more populated parts of the country, closing outposts such as the ones attacked Saturday. However, the governor of Nuristan, Jamaludin Badar, complained that more — not fewer — Western troops should be sent to the area to stop infiltration from Pakistan.

"We had concerns about security in Kamdesht and we have already asked for extra forces," he told The Associated Press. "If there are fewer security forces, this sort of thing will happen again."

He also complained about a lack of coordination between international forces and Afghans. □

Nigerian militant leader accepts amnesty offer

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Associated Press Writer

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — A rebel leader in Nigeria's oil-rich Delta said he has accepted a government amnesty offer to disarm.

Farah Dagogo, a former commander of the country's main militant group, said that he and other field commanders in Rivers state have surrendered all of their weapons.

In a statement released late Saturday, he urged other militants to consider the amnesty offer.

"We are accepting this amnesty with the hope that it will usher in a true spirit of reconciliation," he said. "I appeal to those still determined to fight on, to consider first the option of dialogue."

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta said it has already replaced the commanders who have surrendered. The group has said it would not accept an amnesty deal.

In August, the government's amnesty program began. One MEND leader,

Ebikabowei Victor Ben, surrendered with 1,000 fighters.

MEND called a two-month halt to their campaign of attacking oil installations and kidnapping foreigners in July, saying they hoped the truce would help facilitate talks with the government.

The unrest has cut Nigeria's oil production by a million barrels a day, allowing Angola to overtake it as Africa's top oil producer.

The militants want the government to send federal oil revenues to the impoverished area, to withdraw troops and help people return to their homes.

The government has acknowledged the grievances of many in the Niger Delta, but denounces the militants as criminals who steal crude oil from Nigeria's wells and pipelines and profit by selling it overseas.

In September, the group extended their cease-fire by one month and warned they would resume attacks if the root causes of the conflict are not addressed. □

Head of UN nuclear watchdog sees Iran cooperation



Head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, left, speaks with the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Ali Akbar Salehi, during their joint press conference in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. The head of the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog on Sunday described a "shifting of gears" in the controversy over Iran's nuclear program and said inspectors would visit the country's new uranium processing site Oct. 25. ElBaradei spoke in Tehran following talks with Iranian officials over the recently revealed facility that has caused consternation around the world over the extent and purpose of Iran's nuclear program.

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The visiting head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog set Oct. 25 as the date for his inspectors to check Iran's newly revealed uranium enrichment site and struck an upbeat note Sunday, saying Tehran's confrontation with the West is shifting gears to more cooperation and transparency. Though the United Nations has no "concrete proof" of an ongoing nuclear weapons program, the chief of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, said he has "concerns about Iran's future

intentions."

The inspection of the site and the outcome of more nuclear talks later this month with the United States and its allies will be crucial in determining the direction of the six-year standoff over Iran's nuclear activities. "I see that we are at a critical moment. I see that we are shifting gears from confrontation into transparency and cooperation," ElBaradei said at a news conference in Tehran with Iran's top nuclear official.

His visit followed a week of intense diplomatic activity surrounding Iran's nuclear program, set off by the

revelation that Tehran had been secretly constructing a new uranium enrichment plant just north of the holy city of Qom. On Thursday, Iran and six world powers put nuclear talks back on track at a landmark session near Geneva that included the highest-level bilateral contact with the U.S. in years.

President Barack Obama's national security adviser said Sunday that Washington was also pleased with the level of cooperation from Iran.

"The fact that Iran came to the table and seemingly showed some degree of cooperation, I think, is a good thing," James Jones said on CNN's "State of the Union" program.

"But this is not going to be an open-ended process. ... We, the world community, want to be satisfied within a short period of time," Jones added. "So it's not going to be extended discussions that we're going to have before we draw our conclusions to what their real intent is. But for now, I think things are moving in the right direction." France's foreign minister, Bernard Kouchner, also talked of a "wind of medium optimism." He said "something happened" at Thursday's talks in Switzerland and "we no longer want to talk of sanctions."

ElBaradei was in Iran to set up the U.N. inspection of the enrichment facility near Qom. The site sparked serious concern, in part because its

location next to a military base and partly inside a mountain adds to suspicions that Iran's nuclear program could have a military dimension. Obama, who accuses Iran of seeking to keep the site hidden for years before notifying the IAEA about it, has said Tehran's actions "raised grave doubts" about its promise to use nuclear technology for peaceful purposes only.

Iran, which insists its nuclear work is only for nonmilitary purposes like energy production and medical research, says the site's location near a military base is intended to protect it from potential aerial bombing.

"It is important for us to send our inspectors to do a comprehensive verification of that facility, to assure ourselves

that it is a facility that is built for peaceful purposes," ElBaradei said, seated beside Ali Akbar Salehi, the head of Iran's nuclear agency. "We agreed that our inspectors would come here on the 25th of October to do the inspection and to go to Qom and I hope and I trust that Iran will be as transparent with our inspectors team as possible."

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said that the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council are studying options for more sanctions if Iran does not fully open its nuclear program to international inspections.

"But right now we are in a period of intense negotiations," said Ambassador Susan Rice, speaking on NBC TV's "Meet the Press." □

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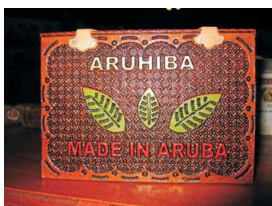
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Members of the Swiss rescue team rest after their operation to remove bodies trapped in the Ambacang Hotel Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 in Padang, Indonesia, three days after Wednesday's 7.6-magnitude quake that toppled thousands of buildings on Sumatra island.

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JUMANAK, Indonesia (AP) — Search teams lost hope of finding any more survivors under the rubble left by a massive earthquake, as torrential rains held up aid delivery in the remote hills of western Indonesia where several villages were wiped out.

Rescue teams instead focused Sunday on retrieving the

rotting bodies from the rubble of the magnitude 7.6 earthquake in Sumatra island, setting up tents for the tens of thousands of homeless and providing them food and drinking water.

Vice President Jusuf Kalla said there was little hope of finding anyone alive.

"We can be sure that they are dead. So now we are waiting for burials," he told reporters.

There is no clear word on the death toll. The United

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Heavy rains hold up search for bodies in Indonesia

Nations put the figure at 1,100. The government earlier said 715 were dead and 3,000 were missing. But it revised the figure Sunday to 603 confirmed killed and 960 missing, presumably dead.

"With each passing day, the magnitude of the devastation grows," said Mark Fritzler, Save the Children aid group's Indonesia head.

"In addition to the threat of aftershocks, heavy rainfall has challenged our efforts, roads are cut off and we have no power in many areas, but relief workers are reaching families in the hardest hit areas," he said. The missing include 644 people who were buried alive in four villages in the hills of Padang Pariaman district that were swept away by landslides caused by the quake. Among the victims were 200 to 300 guests at a wedding party in

Jumanak village.

The restaurant where the party was being held was damaged but largely intact. A slice of the green wedding cake lay untouched on a plate, covered with flies. The guests were apparently killed when they ran outside as the ground began to tremble but were swept away by the landslide 40 yards (meters) away.

Iseh, a 15-year-old boy, said his sister, Ichi, was the bride. She, the groom and most of the guests were killed.

He said Ichi, 19, had come back to the village for her wedding.

"When the landslide came, the party had just finished. I heard a big boom of the avalanche. I ran outside and saw the trees fall down," Iseh, who like many Indonesians uses only one name, told The Associated Press. "I tried to get in front of

the house with my brothers. We were so afraid. Landslides started coming from all directions. I just ran and then I waited," he said.

On Sunday, hordes of aid workers, military personnel, police and volunteers finally reached the villages, bringing with them heavy earth moving equipment, relieving villagers who had been digging for the rotting corpses with bare hands while surrounded by the stench of death.

But by early afternoon a heavy downpour lashed the area, raising fears of fresh landslides. Police ordered all residents, aid workers, journalists and volunteers to leave. The exodus — on motorcycles, cars and trucks — caused a massive traffic jam on the two-lane road to Padang, the provincial capital that was also badly hit. □




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Socialists trounce conservatives in Greek election

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Associated Press Writer

ATHENS, Greece (AP)

— Greece's Socialists trounced the governing conservatives in a landslide election Sunday, with voters angered by scandals and a faltering economy ousting Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis halfway through his second term. Humbled by his New Democracy party's worst electoral performance ever, Karamanlis, 53, resigned as its leader and said a new chief is needed for the party founded by his late uncle Constantine Karamanlis 35 years ago.

George Papandreou, 57, now follows in the footsteps of his father, Andreas Papandreou — who founded his Panhellenic Socialist Movement party, or PASOK — and grandfather and namesake George Papandreou, both of whom served several terms as prime ministers.

"We bear a great responsibility to change the course of the country. ... We know that we can make it," Papandreou, a former foreign minister, told jubilant supporters lighting flares and waving PASOK flags depicting the party's symbol of a green rising sun outside his party headquarters in central Athens.

"I know the potential of the country very well, a potential being drowned by corruption, favoritism, lawlessness and waste," Papandreou said.

"We must all believe again we can succeed ... we cannot waste a single day."

Results from 87.65 percent of votes counted showed PASOK winning with



Greek Socialist Party leader George Papandreou, speaks to supporters outside his party's headquarters in central Athens, on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. Greek voters angered by repeated scandals and a faltering economy ousted Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis in an early election Sunday, returning the Socialists to power after five years of conservative governance, initial results indicated.

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43.93 percent, compared to 34.03 percent for New Democracy. Turnout was at 70.44 percent. Voting is compulsory in Greece, although penalties for failing to vote are no longer enforced.

The result gives PASOK a solid majority of 160 seats in the 300-member parliament, bringing the party back to power after five years of conservative governance.

Papandreou's victory, along with a recent election win by socialists in Portugal, bucks a European trend that has seen a conservative surge in the continent's powerhouse economies, including most recently in Germany, where Chancellor Angela Merkel won re-election last week.

"This is a historic victory for PASOK, which means great responsibility for us," senior party official and former minister Evangelos Venizelos said.

Papandreou will now have

to deal with a faltering economy that is expected to contract in 2009 after years of strong growth, while the budget deficit will probably exceed 6 percent of economic output.

In contrast to Karamanlis, who advocated an austerity program of freezing state salaries, pensions and hiring, Papandreou has promised to inject up to €3 billion (\$4.4 billion) to jump-start the economy.

However, his government will likely have to borrow heavily just to service the ballooning debt — set to exceed 100 percent of GDP this year — and keep paying public sector wages and pensions. Papandreou has pledged to limit borrowing by reducing government waste and going after tax dodgers.

Thousands of cheering supporters mobbed a smiling Papandreou as he arrived at the central Athens headquarters while the

results trickled in. Others drove through the city honking their horns.

Karamanlis, looking tired and downcast, congratulated his rival.

"From the depths of my heart, I wish to thank the voters who backed us in these elections. I wish to congratulate George Papandreou for his victory," he said in a brief speech in central Athens. "We hope he succeeds in the great challenge of facing the economic situation."

Karamanlis announced the early election just halfway through his second four-year term in an ultimately failed gamble to win a strong new mandate to tackle Greece's economic woes.

But he had already been trailing in opinion polls when he called the election last month, sparking criticism from within his own party.

Karamanlis stormed to power in 2004 to become

the youngest prime minister in modern Greek history after more than a decade of socialist rule.

He was re-elected in 2007, but quickly saw his popularity eroded by several financial scandals, including a land-swap deal with a Greek Orthodox monastery that cost the state more than €100 million (\$145 million) and forced two of his close aides to resign.

Authorities' failure to contain widespread riots sparked by the fatal police shooting of a teenager in Athens in December also undermined the conservatives' position, which the global financial crisis finished off.

Many conservative voters were angered by rising crime and the riots, when anarchists rampaged through Greek cities, smashing shops and banks with little police intervention.

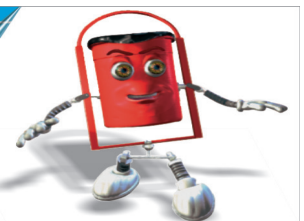
"What I believe is happening today is that Karamanlis is paying for his past mistakes, for the financial situation," voter Alexandros Panagiotakopoulos said outside New Democracy's headquarters watching the results on a giant outdoor screen.

The Greek Communist Party, far right-wing LAOS and the small Left Coalition are expected to retain their representation in Parliament, while the Ecologist-Greens were hovering on the fringe of the 3 percent threshold for entry.

"Mr. Karamanlis brought PASOK into power," said LAOS leader Giorgos Karatzaferis. □

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AL Roundup

Twins beat KC, set up 1-game playoff with Detroit



Minnesota Twins Denard Span (2) and Joe Mauer (7) celebrate Jason Kubel's (16) three-run home run against the Kansas City Royals during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 in Minneapolis.

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — run homers as Minnesota beat Jason Kubel hit a pair of three- Kansas City 13-4 Sunday,

WNBA Finals

Fever win Game 3, beat Mercury 86-85

CLIFF BRUNT,
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tamika Catchings had 14 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists as the Indiana Fever moved within one victory of the WNBA title Sunday with an 86-85 win over the Phoenix Mercury in Game 3 of the finals.

The Mercury's Tangela Smith missed a jump shot from the foul line as time expired.

The Fever took a 2-1 lead in the series and can clinch their first championship with a win at home Wednesday.

Ebony Hoffman led the Fever with 18 points. Briann January scored 17, and Katie Douglas had 15.

Cappie Pondexter led Phoenix with 23 points and Le'Coe Willingham added 17. Diana Taurasi, the league's MVP, scored 18 points but shot 6-for-16 from the field.

There were seven lead changes and three ties in the second half.

The series has been tight throughout, with Phoenix winning Game 1 in overtime and Indiana taking Game 2 93-84 on Thursday.

The lead seesawed throughout the fourth quarter.

Hoffman's long shot from the left corner put Indiana ahead with 57 seconds left. The officials reviewed the shot to determine if she was behind the arc and concluded it was a 2-pointer, giving Indiana an 86-85 lead.

Pondexter rushed downcourt and missed a layup, and Catchings rebounded. Then Indiana missed twice in close, but got the offensive rebound. January dribbled the ball out of bounds with

putting the Twins into a one-game playoff with the Detroit Tigers for the American League Central title.

The Twins and Tigers, who beat the White Sox 5-3, will meet Tuesday with the winner earning a postseason date with the New York Yankees.

Scott Baker will start the tiebreaker for the Twins against Detroit rookie Rick Porcello. The teams get a day off because the Minnesota Vikings host Green Bay on Monday night.

Delmon Young added two solo home runs and Michael Cuddyer also homered for the Twins, who overcame a three-game deficit by winning their final four games. Minnesota

won 16 of 20 to reach the playoff.

Alex Gordon homered for the Royals, who fell behind 8-1 but rallied to bring the tying run to the plate. Luke Hochevar (7-13) was hit hard. At Detroit, Justin Verlander earned his 19th win and Ryan Raburn homered twice as slumping Detroit beat Chicago to force a one-game tiebreaker with Minnesota for the AL Central title. Magglio Ordonez also homered as the Tigers won for only the third time in eight games.

Fernando Rodney got the final four outs for his 37th save.

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Alex Rodriguez homered twice and drove in an AL-

record seven runs in an inning, keying a 10-run burst that sent the playoff-bound New York Yankees over Tampa Bay.

Rodriguez hit a three-run homer off Wade Davis (2-2) in the sixth. He added his 18th career grand slam later in the inning. The major league record is eight, set by Fernando Tatis when he hit two grand slams in an inning for St. Louis in 1999.

A-Rod tied Mark McGwire for eighth on the career list with 583 homers. It also gave him at least 30 homers and 100 RBIs for the 12th straight season despite missing the first month with a hip injury.

At Boston, J.D. Drew homered twice and Jed Lowrie hit his first career grand slam as Boston headed into the playoffs with a victory over Cleveland.

Dustin Pedroia and Alex Gonzalez also homered for Boston, which will begin the playoffs on the road against the Los Angeles Angels on either Wednesday or Thursday. Michael Bowden (1-1) got the win.

The defeat was the last in Cleveland for manager Eric Wedge, fired on Wednesday with six games left in the season. The Indians went 1-5 to finish out his tenure, ending with a club-record 15 consecutive road losses. Tomo Ohka (1-5) took the loss.

At Oakland, California, Mike Napoli homered and Joe Saunders pitched five strong innings as the Los Angeles Angels closed out an impressive regular season by beating Oakland.

In other AL games it was, Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 3; Boston 12, Cleveland 7; Baltimore 5, Toronto 4, 11 innings; N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 2; Minnesota 13, Kansas City 4; L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 3; and Seattle 4, Texas 3.



Indiana Fever forward Tamika Catchings (24) tries to block the shot of Phoenix Mercury guard Cappie Pondexter (23) during the second half of Game 3 of the WNBA basketball finals in Indianapolis, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. The Fever won 86-85.

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22 seconds left, though, to give Phoenix a final chance.

Pondexter missed a short jumper, and Catchings went for the rebound. She tried to call timeout, but a jump ball was called. Willingham won the jump ball against Catchings, and Phoenix called timeout with 3.4 seconds left to set up Smith's shot.

Phoenix dominated the second quarter and led 47-44 at halftime. Pondexter scored nine points in the quarter by consistently driving into the paint. She also helped the Mercury push the ball up the floor and regain control of the tempo that Indiana had some success slowing in the first quarter. □

Stewart wins at Kansas to improve title chances

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP) — Tony Stewart used a fast final pit stop to grab a much-needed victory in the Price Chopper 400 at Kansas Speedway on Sunday.

It was the first victory in eight races for Stewart and put him back into title contention after a tough start to the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Stewart's fourth win of the season helped him gain one spot in the standings to fourth, and cut his deficit in the standings to 67 points. "That's almost half," Stewart said in Victory Lane.

Mark Martin, the pole-sitter, finished seventh and maintained his lead in the standings. He's up 18 points over three-time defending series champion Jimmie Johnson, who finished ninth after a series of bad pit calls took him out of contention. The final outcome came down to strategy, and it started to shape as a race that would be decided on fuel mileage. Then Dale Earnhardt Jr., who led 41

laps early before bad breaks ruined his day, brought out the final caution of the race when an engine problem spilled oil on the track.

The leaders went to pit road debating with their crew chiefs whether to take two or four tires on what was likely going to be the final chance to gain track position.

Greg Biffle went to pit road as the leader, while Stewart was second. Biffle and his crew still didn't seem sure of what to do as he pulled into his spot, but Stewart crew chief Darian Grubb was confident two tires was the answer.

Stewart raced off pit road into the lead, with Kasey Kahne and Johnson in pursuit. Both also took two tires.

Biffle, the first driver to take four tires, restarted in fourth.

Stewart took off on the restart with 26 laps to go, and all the drivers on four tires quickly sliced through the field. But it was Jeff Gordon who made up the most ground. He was closing in on Stewart but simply ran out laps to catch

him and settled for second. "He was getting bigger," Stewart said of seeing Gordon in his rearview mirror. "The big thing was not to drive the tires off. We had a little left, but we didn't leave too much out there."

Stewart also praised Grubb for making the right call with the race on the line.

"He's like that. He's a little gutsy.

That's a good thing," Stewart said. "You don't question him, you just know it's the right thing to do."

Biffle finished third and



Tony Stewart celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' Price Chopper 400 auto race at Kansas Speedway on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, in Kansas City.

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admitted he overruled Greg Erwin on the last stop when the crew chief called for two tires.

"I know what I did wrong, I know I made a mistake," Biffle said.

Juan Pablo Montoya was

fourth, followed by Denny Hamlin, Kahne and Martin. David Reutimann was the only non-Chase driver in the top 11 with an eighth-place finish and was followed by Johnson, Carl Edwards and Kurt Busch. □

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NL Roundup

Hoover lifts Phillies past Marlins bost



Philadelphia Phillies' Paul Hoover swings through for an RBI-single that scored John Mayberry Jr. to win a baseball game with the Florida Marlins in the tenth inning Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, in Philadelphia. The Phillies won 7-6.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— Paul Hoover hit a game-ending RBI single in the 10th inning as the defending World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies prepared for their title defense with a 7-6 victory over the Florida Marlins in the National League on Sunday. The Phillies (93-69) host the Rockies on Wednesday in the opener of their best-of-five division series. Hanley Ramirez got the day off and finished with a .342 average to become the first Marlins player to win a batting title. He also is the first NL shortstop to win the batting crown since Dick Groat in 1960. Chris Coghlan had three hits for Florida (87-75), bolstering

his bid for NL Rookie of the Year.

Ryan Howard, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley were among the resting Phillies starters. Dodgers 5, Rockies 3.

At Los Angeles, Vicente Padilla struck out 10 batters in five innings as the NL West champion Los Angeles finished the regular season with another victory over the wild-card Colorado. The Dodgers took sole possession of first place for good on April 19 with a 14-2 win over the Rockies, won the season series 14-4 and finished three games ahead of Colorado. Los Angeles clinched its second straight division title Saturday night with a 5-0 victory.

The Dodgers (95-67) host St. Louis on Wednesday in their postseason opener.

Padilla (4-0) allowed one run and four hits. Ramon Troncoso allowed a run in the ninth before finishing for his sixth save in seven attempts. **Nationals 2, Braves 1, 15 innings**

At Atlanta, Alberto Gonzalez drove in the winning run with a two-out single in the 15th inning as Washington closed the season with a seven-game winning streak.

Playing the longest game since the franchise moved to Washington from Montreal before the 2005 season, the Nationals became the first team in baseball history to close the season with seven straight wins after losing the first seven. Still, they finished 59-103 — the worst record in baseball.

At San Diego, Randy Johnson made what could be the last appearance of his brilliant, 22-year big league career, pitching one adventuresome inning of relief in San Francisco's victory over San Diego.

Although the Big Unit gave up an unearned run in the seventh that tied it at 3, Pablo Sandoval provided the go-ahead run when he homered on the first pitch of the 10th inning.

The 46-year-old Johnson said Thursday that he'll take his time in the offseason deciding

his future. The 303-game winner also hoped to get one more outing this season, and manager Bruce Bochy wanted to oblige.

Johnson, who struck out two to increase his career total to 4,875, has said he might be done if he can't return as a starter.

At St. Louis, Prince Fielder homered twice and Jody Gerut's two-out infield hit drove in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning as Milwaukee sent St. Louis scuffling to the postseason.

The Cardinals failed to give manager Tony La Russa a happy 65th birthday. They finished 1-6 after clinching the NL Central and open the playoffs at the Dodgers on Wednesday.

Fielder ended with 46 homers, one behind Albert Pujols for the NL lead, and drove in three runs to tie Ryan Howard for the major league RBI title at 141.

The Brewers swept the three-game series to finished 80-82 hours after manager Ken Macha learned he'd be back for a second season. Trevor Hoffman (3-2) got the win and John Axford finished for his first career save.

At New York, Nelson Figueroa pitched a four-hitter for his first major league complete game, Angel Pagan keyed the offense and the Mets wrapped up a miserable season by completing a three-game sweep.

Figueroa (3-8) retired 13 of his final 14 batters. Pagan went 4 for 4 with a triple and two doubles.

New York (70-92) was a National League favorite back in April. But injuries decimated the roster and sent the team into a tailspin.

In other NL games it was, N.Y. Mets 4, Houston 0; Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 0; Philadelphia 7, Florida 6, 10 innings; Washington 2, Atlanta 1, 15 innings; Milwaukee 9, St. Louis 7, 10 innings; Arizona 5, Chicago Cubs 2; San Francisco 4, San Diego 3, 10 innings; and L.A. Dodgers 5, Colorado 3.

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TEGUCIGALPA (Reuters) - El "Acuerdo de San José", que plantea la restitución del depuesto presidente Manuel Zelaya como uno de los puntos para sacar a Honduras de la crisis política, podría modificarse para destrabar el estancado diálogo, dijo el domingo un funcionario de la OEA.

El retorno de Zelaya al poder ha sido el punto de mayor polémica del plan propuesto por el presidente de Costa Rica y mediador en el conflicto en Honduras, Oscar Arias, a fin de llegar a una solución a la crisis desatada tras el golpe de Estado del 28 de junio.

El presidente de facto de Honduras, Roberto Micheletti, se opone tajantemente a la restitución de Zelaya, quien fue sacado del poder a punta de rifle y llevado a Costa Rica la misma noche del golpe de Estado.

"Sin duda, si los propios hondureños consideran que se puede modificar (el plan Arias) eso es absolutamente factible, aquí no hay nada escrito en piedra o en bronce", dijo a periodistas Víctor Rico, secretario de Asuntos Políticos de la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA).

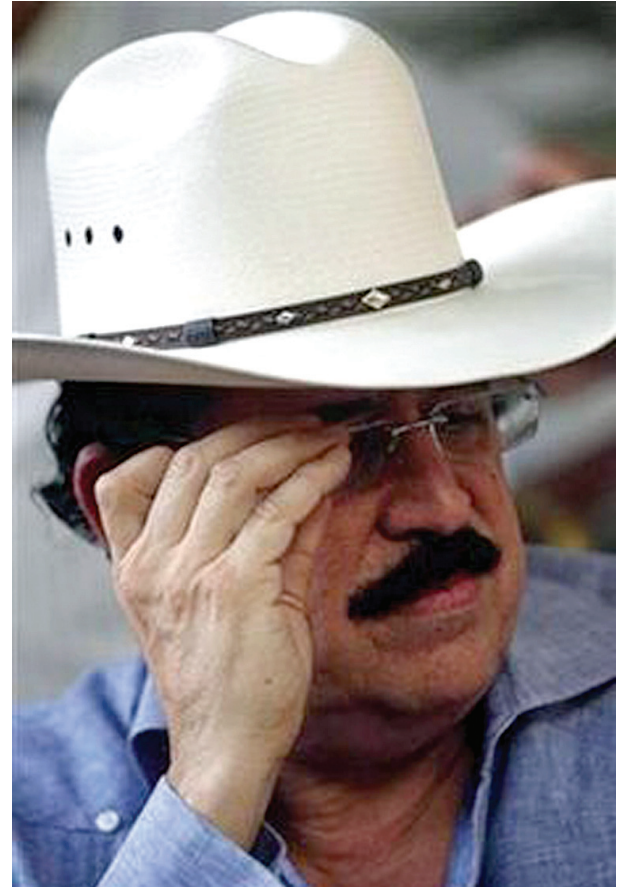
Una misión de cancilleres de la OEA tiene planeado arribar a Tegucigalpa el miércoles, buscando crear las condiciones para que las partes en el conflicto se sienten a dialogar.

Rico, que encabeza una delegación del organismo que prepara la agenda a tratar por los cancilleres, agregó que se está analizando el formato que tendrían las conversaciones.

Micheletti afirma que no es negociable el regreso al poder de Zelaya y que éste debería ir a la cárcel por supuestamente violar la Constitución con su intento de despejar el camino para su reelección.

"Precisamente de lo que se trata es generar condiciones que permitan resolver esas divergencias que todavía persisten y esperamos que eso se pueda dar cuando vengan los cancilleres", respondió Rico a la pregunta de si Micheletti tendría disposición de aceptar la restitución de Zelaya. □

El derrocado presidente hondureño Manuel Zelaya refugiado al interior de la embajada brasileña en Tegucigalpa, 3 oct 2009. REUTERS/Edgard Garrido



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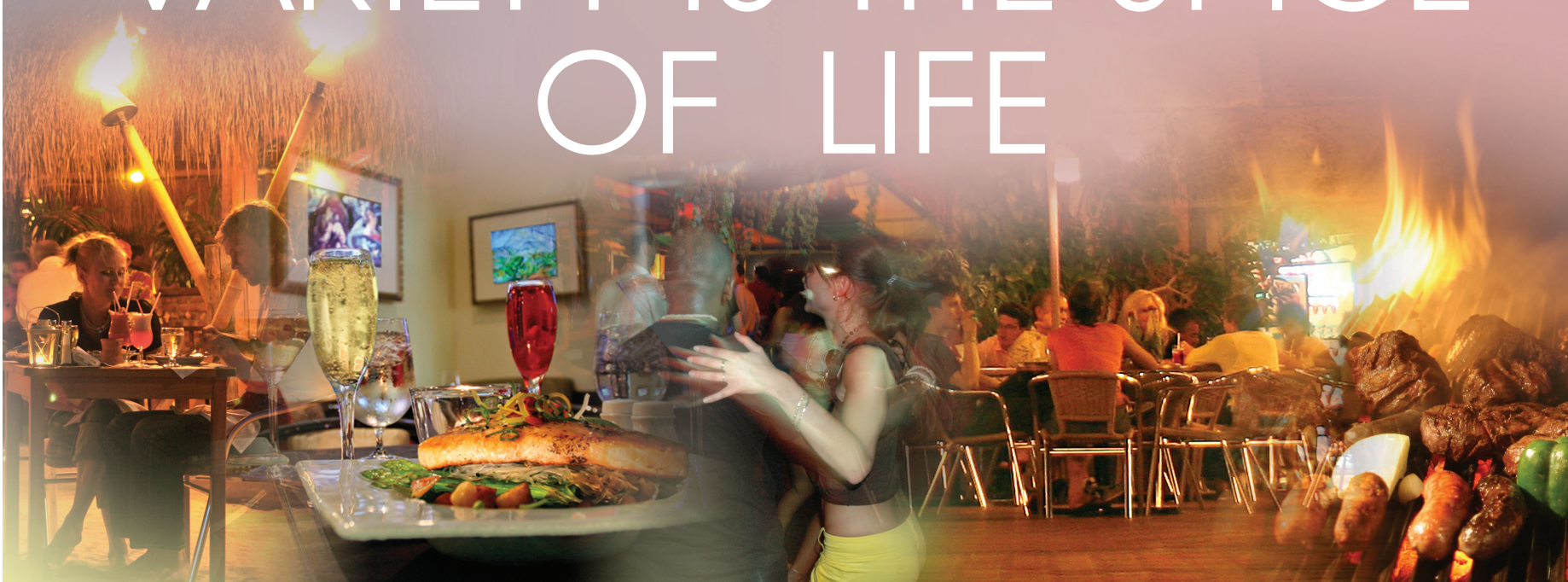
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